ice Commission has a strength of 11 Members including the Chairman.

(b) According to the Proviso to Article 316 (1) of the Constitution, as nearly as may be one-half of the Members of the Union Public Service Commission shall be persons who at the dates of their respective appointment, have held office for at least ten years under the Government of India or under the Government of a State. The Constitution does not provide for giving representation to States in the matter of appointment of Members of the Union Public Service Commission.

(c) Members of Union Public Service are appointed by the president.

(d) No. Sir.

(e) Noes not arise.

Launching of a Satellite on Mars

200. SHRI. RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the space programme of India at present;

(b) whether there is any proposal to launch a satellite to Mars under this programme;

(c) whether the Government propose to launch Multi-purpose satellite related to meteorology, computer and war;

(d) is so, the names thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The main thrust of the Space Programme is towards establishing National Systems using space technology for providing operational Space services in a self reliant manner and to ensure that benefits of this modern technology reaches the grass roots of our society. Presently the two operational space systems using Indian National Satellite (INSAT) and Indian Remote Sensing Satellites (IRS) are providing satellite-based services for communications, broadcasting, meteorology, education especially rural and developmental education, disaster and drought management and management of natural resources and environment.

India is on the threshold of achieving a large scale expansion of these systems. Launch of indigenously built INSAT-2A scheduled in March, 1992, and launch of INSAT-2B in 1993 followed by INSAT-2C,D,E, during 1994-98 timeframe and GRAMSAT during 1995-96 is expected to bring about manifold increase in communication and TV services in the country as well as new approaches for rural education. With successful operationalisation of IRS-IB in September 1991 and planned realisation of next generation IRS-IC satellite in 1994, development and use of modern methodologies towards achieving all round and sustainable development of natural resources are being taken up. Planned launches of Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle(ASLV), Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) in 1982 and Launch of Geostationary Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) in 1995-96 are expected to enable India to achieve self-reliance in Launch vehicle technology.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) and (d) INSAT-2A, the indigenously built Geostationary Satellite scheduled to be launched in March, 1992 is a multi-purpose satellite for peaceful applications primarily in the areas of communication, TV broadcasting, radio networking, meteorology and dis-

aster mitigation. This satellite will also be used for computer interconnecting.

(e) Does not arise.

Outstanding Bills Against Former Ministers and MPs.

201. SHRI. SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether electricity/water charges and house rent are outstanding against a number of former Ministers and Members of Parliament; and

(b) if so, the amount outstanding against each one of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI. M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

12.00 hrs.

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri Harilal Nanji Patel (Kutch)
Shri Kanshi Ram (Etawah)

[*Translation*]

SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL (Chandni Chowk): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Today, I want to raise the most serious problem of Delhi during zero hour. On the Diwali day and two days after Diwali 250 deaths occurred due to use of alcoholic drink 'Sura'. These deaths took place due to the carelessness and negligence of police department, Drug department and Excise department. The spurious drink which is being sold under the name of Ayurvedic medicine, has defamed the Ayurvedic system of Medicines. I would like to say in this connection that the officers, whose carelessness has caused the death of many people, must be punished severely. I do know that judicial enquiry has been instituted and period for its completion has been fixed as two months. I would like to say that for such as horrible incident, the judicial enquiry must be completed by 30th of November and within a fortnight the culprits must be punished...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI (Saidpur): In this connection two hundred people are demonstrating at present at the Boat Club...(*Interruptions*)

RE: LAW AND ORDER SITUATION IN VARANASI

[*English*]

SHRI EBRAHIM SULAIMAN SAIT (Ponnani): Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your permission I would like to draw the attention of the House to a serious and extremely disturbing situation prevailing at Banaras for the last 12 days. There have been brutal killings; arson started on the 8th of this month is continuing unabated even today; more than 25 persons have been massacred; they have been burnt and crushed to death and the dead bodies have not been given to the relatives.

All able-bodied youngmen predominantly living in Muslim area, Madan Pura have been arrested and assaulted and their limbs have been broken. It was the most pernicious thing. The entire area is under siege. No food, no medicine is available. Even milk is not being made available to children. They are dying of hunger and starvation.

I demand immediate Central intervention and deployment of Central forces as people have no faith in the State police forces. I also demand a judicial enquiry into the whole thing.